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SUBJ: PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE'S SPEECH TO PALESTINIAN

STUDENTS CONGRESS

1. PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE'S SPEECH AUGUST 22 TO
PALESTINIAN STUDENTS CONGRESS WAS FORCEFUL RESTATEMENT
OF ALGERIA'S POSITION ON MIDDLE EAST AND ITS SUPPORT
FOR PLO AND PALESTINIAN RIGHTS. FBIS CARRIES FULL
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TEXT. HIGHLIGHTS OF SEPPCH WERE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) PALESTINAIN STRUGGLE IS SACRED AND HUMANITARIAN CAUSE TO WHICH ALGERIAN PEOPLE PLEDGE ABSOLUTE, UNCONDITIONAL AND UNLIMITED SUPPORT. AS ALGIERS SUMMIT DECIDED, PLO IS SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

(B) VIOLENCE AND ARMED COMBAT ARE NECESSARY TO REALIZE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS. BOUMEDIENE HERE CONDONED AIRCRAFT HIJACKING AS WAY OF MAKING WORLD REALIZE THAT PALESTINE EXISTED, BUT THIS WAS OMITTED IN TEXT PUBLISHED NEXT DAY.

(C) ARAB SOLIDARITY MUST BE MAINTAINED AMONG THOSE WHO HAVE TERRITORY OCCUPIED: EGYPTIAN, SRYIAN AND PALESTINIAN PEOPLES. ONLY FOUR PARTIES TO PROBLEM ARE SYRIA, EGYPT, PALESTINE AND ISRAEL.

(D) KING HUSSEIN HAS NO PROBLEM. HE REFUSED TO FIGHT IN OCTOBER WAR AND HAS NO CLAIM TO JERUSALEM OR WEST BANK. HE IS FINISHED AND HAS NO ROLE TO PLAY IN ME DEVELOPMENTS. BOUMEDIENE DELIVERED STRONGLY CRITICAL ATTACK ON HUSSEIN AND HIS POLICIES.

(E) ALGERIA HAS SUPPORTED AND IS SUPPORTING ATTEMPTS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY TO ACHIEVE PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO ME CONFLICT. BUT ALGERIA DOES NOT UNDERSTAND INVOLVEMENT OF KING OR KINGDOM OF JORDAN IN THIS ISSUE. HERE BOUMEDIENE DESCRIBES AND FIRMLY REJECTS HYPOTHETICAL SCENARIO UNDER WHICH EGYPT AND SYRIA REGAIN ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORY BUT WEST BANK RETURNS TO JORDAN. IF CHOICE IS BETWEEN ANY ARAB STATE AND PALESTINAIN PEOPLE, ALGERIA WILL STAND WITH PALESTINE.

(F) ALGERIA DOES NOT WANT AMERICAN SOLUTION TO PROBLEM, WHICH WOULD MEAN THAT MANY COUNTRIES WOULD LOSE THEIR INDEPENDENCE. REAL SOLUTION LIES NOT IN GENEVA OR WASHINGTON BUT WITH ARABS THEMSELVES.

2. COMMENT. IN DISCUSSING SPEECH WITH EMBOFF AUGUST 23, DEPSECGEN OF PRESIDENCY HAMDANI SAID IT REPRESENTED NO CHANGE IN ALGERIA'S TRADITIONAL POLICY OF SUPPORT
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FOR PALESTINIANS. HE EMPAHSIZED THAT DESPITE ITS RESERVATIONS ABOUT "HUSSEIN PLOY", ALGERIA CONTINUES TO SUPPORT SECRETARY KISSINGER'S EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS TOWARD ME PEACE SETTLEMENT.
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